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SUBJ: GOVT ISSUES STATEMENT ON HIJACKING

1. FOLLOWNG IS TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED BY FOREIGN
MINISTRY JULY 16 ON ENTEBBE AIRPORT RAID. QUOTE: HIS
MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS WATCHED WITH DEEP CONCERN THE
DEVELOPMENTS ARISING OUT OF THE
HIJACKING OF AN AIR
FRANCE AIRBUS AND THE SUBSEQUENT RAID ON ENTEBBE AIRPORT
BY ISRAELI ARMED COMMANDOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESCING
THE HOSTAGES HELD EXHE HIJACKERS. WHILE HIS MAJESTYJOJS
GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS TERRORISM, PERTICULARLY THE HIJACKING
OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT, AND INS HAPPY TO SEE ON HUMANITARIAN
GROUNDS THATMOOST OF THE HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN RESCUED ALIVE,
IT CANNOT CONDONE THE USE OR THREAT OF FORCE BY ONE COUNTRY
AGAINST ANOTHER, LET ALONE BY ONE UN MEMBER AGAINST ANOTHER.
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2. COMMENT: AIRANJAN BHATTARAI, J

INT SECRETARY IN

CHARGE OF UN AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF THAT STATEMENT HAD
BEEN CAREFULLY DRAFTED SO AS NOT TO AROUSE CRITICISM
FROM AFRICNA STATES BUT THAT IT" WAS NO ACCIDENT" THAT
STATEEMTN DEALS FIRST WITH TERRORISM WHICH "AFTEFALL
WAS INITIAL ACT IN THE PLAY." BHATTARAI SAID
THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT HMG SUPPORTED ISRAELI RAID AS
DESIRABLE AND NECESSITY.

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NOTE BY OC/T: TEXT AS RECEIVED.

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